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SUBJECT: ITENGALA TERRORISM TRIAL IN NAMIBIA

REF: PRETORIA 1988 (NOTAL)

1. RUBEN ITENGALA TERRORISM TRIAL BEGAN MAY 3 IN WINDHOEK. ITENGALA IS CHARGED WITH ENTERING NAMIBIA ILLEGALLY FROM ANGOLA SOMETIME AROUND JUNE, 1976 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDANGERING LAW AND ORDER. HE ALLEGEDLY ROAMED NORTHERN NAMIBIA FOR 3 MONTHS AND THREATENED TO KILL EIGHT PEOPLE IF THEY INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES OF HIS PRESENCE. ITENGALA WAS CAPTURED BY SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES IN HEREROLAND WITH TWO SOVIET RIFLES AND AMMUNITION. HIS ACCOMPLICE, JOHNNY ANGULA WAS SHOT DEAD. THE TWO CO-ACCUSED, LAZARUS GUITTEB, SECRETARY OF SWAPO'S OTJIWARONGO BRANCH AND MICHAEL SHIKONGO, ALLEGED SWAPO SUPPORTER, ARE CHARGED WITH HELPING ITENGALA AND ANGULA. ALL THREE DEFENDANTS PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

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2. ACCORDING TO MAY 4 PRESS, ABOUT 60 SWAPO SUPPORTERS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE WINDHOEK'S SUPREME COURT IN SUPPORT OF ITENGALA AND CO-ACCUSED. DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY RAISED CLENCHED FISTS, SANG FREEDOM SONGS, AND CARRIED POSTERS ONE OF WHICH READ "SOUTH AFRICA, YOU ARE ON TRIAL, NOT SWAPO." THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS WITH THE POLICE.

3. STATE PROSECUTOR H.F. VAN ZYL TOLD EMBOFF ON PHONE
MAY 5 THAT STATE EXPECTS TO FINISH PRESENTING CASE MAY 6
AND TRIAL TO END MAY 13. VAN ZYL FEELS STATE HAS GOOD CASE
AGAINST CO-ACCUSED WHO CLAIM THEY ACTED UNDER DURESS AND EVEN
STRONGER CASE AGAINST ITENGALA.NELSON

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